

## **Statement of Justification**

**Virginia Civil War Trails Sign**  
on the grounds of the  
**Waterford Old School**  
**40222 Fairfax Street, Waterford, Virginia**

The Waterford Foundation, Inc. seeks approval to place an official Virginia Civil War Trails sign on the grounds of the Waterford Old School, near the northwest corner of Fairfax and High streets. This is a fitting place for this sign since it will face the Waterford Baptist Church, site of an engagement between White's Cavalry and the Loudoun Rangers, and since it will sit along Scenic Byways High Street, Butchers Row, and Loyalty Road, all significant roads in the Civil War.

The sign describes Waterford's history as a "cursed Quaker settlement" loyal to the Union, but occupied by both armies as they crossed and re-crossed the Maryland-Virginia border until miller Sam Means issued the call to form the Independent Loudoun Rangers, the only Federal cavalry raised in Confederate Virginia.

As part of the landscaping planned for the restoration of the Waterford Old School, this Civil War Trail marker will enhance the historic character of the Scenic Byways upon which it sits and the Old School which will serve as the Waterford Foundation's headquarters and visitors center as the Civil War Sesquicentennial begins.

The text for the sign has already been vetted by Loudoun's Civil War Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, which is spearheading all County commemorative events, and the complete package with proposed illustrations, text and a site map has been submitted to Virginia Civil War Trails Inc. for production of the sign.